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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir :

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4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

We enclose document AE (DK 1989 03726), equivalent to document AA (WO 91/01784), as it contains Figs. 12a and 12b missing from document AA.

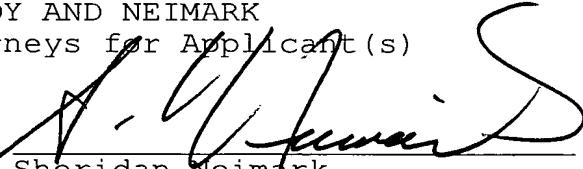
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